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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING 19 DEC 73 OTHER BUSINESS: UK REDUCTION IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

1. PRIOR TO START OF FORMAL DPC AGENDA, SEC GEN RECOGNIZED DONAL LOGAN (UK CHARGE) WHO GAVE SHORT EXPOSE OF CURRENT UK FISCAL PROBLEMS, WHICH REQUIRED HIS GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT EMERGENCY MEASURES. GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES WOULD BE REDUCED BY 1.2 BILLION POUNDS STERLING OF WHICH "ONLY" 178 MILLION WOULD BE CUT FROM PLANNED DEFENSE SPENDING. THIS AMOUNT WAS COMPOSED OF A 16 MILLION REDUCTION IN CAPITAL COSTS AND A 162 MILLION REDUCTION IN DEFENSE PROCUREMENT BY POSTPONING SOME ORDERS AND CANCELLING OTHERS. THERE WOULD BE NO EFFECT ON MANPOWER. EXAMINATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES WAS CONTINUING AND NATO WOULD BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS.

2. SEC GEN THANKED LOGAN AND PLEADED FOR A FULL CONSULTATION WITHIN NATO BEFORE UK TOOK ANY MEASURES WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ALLIANCE.
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